## UNITED STATES

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(1) TITLE OF INVENTION	I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or a joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the invention entitled (1) RETRACTABLE SHOULDER STRAP FOR CARRYING CASE								
	the specification of whic	h							
(2) CHECK APPROPRIATE	(2) is attached here	to.							
BOX	X was filed on March 6, 2003 as Application No. PCT/US03/07362								
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IF	(4)				□ Yes	□ No			
APPLICABLE					□ Yes	□ No			
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application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112. I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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